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Dear Everyone.

It's official. Our basic training is over with. It ended yesterday. We all were happy as ever. We expected to get shiped some time this week. A lot of the fellows are leaving tomorow morning for Fort Mead, Maryland Some of the Franklin fellows are going in this group. Elwyn Brogan. John Sacactie. Joe Oler, Armond + Anthony Muccione are the fellows from Franklin that are leaving. That leaves only 5 Franklin fellows. They are Nick DiCarlo, Joe Kell, Eddie Spencer, Alito Champia + myself. We expect to ship Wednesday or Thursday. We might go to Mead or maybe Fort Oglethorpe Georgia. There is also a rumor that we might go to some Camp in Calibornia. (Boy what a ride) over.

Our bivouac sure was tough. A week ago tonight we went on a 25 mile hike. We marched from 9 that night until 6 the next morning. We all were happy when we came back from it last Wednesday.

Sorry I did not write on that bivouac but they keep us to busy to do anything but work. It sure was hot during that bivouac. The day we marched back to Camp it was 120°.

The fellows were all pretty tired & happy that our basic is over with.

Well Marion must be all set to start back to her job at school. Wish I was only a freshman again. Never thought I would ever like to be back in school again, but sure would like to be going back again.

Glad to hear from Dot that Dad's corn was really good. Guess he along with John & Chet & the girls really are pretty fair farmers.

Pictures will be on there way by Friday hope you like them.

Love "Dick"